

## *Honeymoon Idea to Belize*



**Specially prepared for  
Steppes Travel Clients  
12 Days**



## QUICK REFERENCE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly UK/Miami
Day 2	Fly Miami/Belize City
Day 3	San Ignacio
Day 4	San Ignacio
Day 5	San Ignacio
Day 6	San Ignacio/Ambergris Caye
Day 7	Ambergris Caye
Day 8	Ambergris Caye
Day 9	Ambergris Caye
Day 10	Ambergris Caye
Day 11	Ambergris Caye
Day 12	Fly Belize City/Miami/UK (flying overnight)

# DETAILED TRIP ITINERARY

## Day 1



### UK/Miami

Depart London on the flight to Miami, a journey of approximately 9 hours.

Once you have cleared customs and immigration and collected your luggage, please arrange your own transport to your hotel. (Yellow taxis outside Miami airport have a standard rate of approximately \$30 each way to South Beach). For guests staying at the Miami International Airport hotel, this is within walking distance, and is inside the airport building.

Miami known as the 'Magic City' is located in Southeast Florida and is home to a wide variety of cultures with a buzzing nightlife, a stunning beach and some world class shopping, it is a great city to spend a night or two at the start of your holiday.

*Overnight at your chosen hotel in Miami on a room only basis.*

## Day 2



### Miami/Belize City/San Ignacio

Depart Miami on the flight to Belize City, a journey of approximately 2 ½ hours.

You will be met upon arrival by the Steppes Travel representative at the airport and transferred to Chaa Creek Lodge. All transfers are private (unless stated otherwise) and included in your trip, however it will not detail every transfer on this itinerary.



San Ignacio is in the Cayo District that is filled with vast areas of jungle rainforests, picturesque rivers, waterfalls, and limestone caves along with a people who embrace a remarkable cultural diversity and harmony.

*Set in 330 acres of shady woodland high above the Macal River, the 12 wooden cottages at Chaa Creek Lodge have been created in a simple, airy style and are thatched with traditional bay leaf. There is an open-air bar and a restaurant serving Mexican and Belizean cuisine. A range of activities including hiking, swimming, canoeing, horseback riding, bird-watching, guided nature walks and river trips are available, and the Reserve's Natural History Centre and Butterfly Farm are within easy walking distance of the cottages.*



*Overnight at Chaa Creek Lodge in a double cottage on a bed & breakfast basis.*

## Days 3 to 5

### San Ignacio

Days at leisure to enjoy the surrounding area.

Options include guided naturalist activities on foot or by



horse, canoeing on the pristine Macal River, archaeology tours (including Tikal in Guatemala), mountain biking, caving expeditions and trekking the nearby area of Mountain Pine Ridge with its spectacular waterfalls. The reserve of Chaa Creek also hosts a Natural History Centre, Spa and Butterfly Farm.

*Overnight at Chaa Creek Lodge in a double cottage on a bed & breakfast basis.*

## Day 6

### San Ignacio/Ambergris Caye



This morning depart San Ignacio for Belize City and the short hop flight to San Pedro on Ambergris Caye.

Ambergris Caye is the largest of some 200 cayes dotted along the coast of Belize and while it is 25 miles long it is only 1 mile wide. The roads are purely sand and transport is by golf buggy or bicycle. It is located in the clear shallow waters of the Caribbean Sea just off the tip of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and its coast is protected by the world's second largest living coral reef.



The history of the island goes back to the days of the Maya, European pirates, Mexican refugees and more recently the English army. The descendants from Mexico make up most of the island's population today. The economy of the island was the coconut industry, followed by the fishing industry and today it depends on tourism. San Pedro is the only inhabited town on the island and has the atmosphere of a laid-back fishing village. The houses, the food, the music and the 'dress-code' are a mixture of English, Mexican, Caribbean and Spanish.



*Five miles north of San Pedro on the island of Ambergris Caye, Mata Chica is surrounded by tropical rainforest and is only a stone's throw from Belize's Barrier Reef. All of the hotel's rooms are set in individual, private, air-conditioned villas, each exquisitely decorated in its own unique way. The spacious interiors have an eclectic Central American style with a mix of bohemian furnishings collected from around the world. Mata Chica's award winning Mambo restaurant, amongst the best in the country, serves exquisite contemporary dishes, lots of seafood and a variety of homemade pastas and breads.*



*When not enjoying sailing, windsurfing, snorkelling and sea-kayaking, you can relax at the hotels thatched beachfront bar or book into the Jade Spa with its wide range of treatments using organic local ingredients and tropical scents.*

*Overnight at Mata Chica Beach Resort in a Sea Breeze bungalow on a bed & breakfast basis.*

## Days 7 to 11

### Ambergris Caye

Days at leisure to relax, enjoy the beach and spa facilities or choose from the numerous water sports and activities on

offer. PADI courses can also be arranged if this is of interest.

*Overnight at Mata Chica Beach Resort in a Sea Breeze bungalow on a bed & breakfast basis.*

**Day 12**

**Belize City/Miami/UK**

Depart San Pedro on the short flight to Belize City in time to connect with the flight to Miami.

Depart Miami on the flight to London, flying overnight.

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## TRIP PRICE

Price from £2,895 per person + flight taxes.

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The price includes return flight from UK, internal flights, local transport, airport-hotel transfers (Belize only) and tours on a shared basis (or can be organised on a private basis), accommodation in Belize (double with private facilities) and board. Accommodation is normally on a bed and breakfast basis, unless staying in a remote lodge when normally this will be on a full board basis.

Extras include entrance charges to sites, parks and museums, extra local excursions and guided tours, international and domestic airport taxes. Travel insurance, visas, single supplements (if applicable) and items of a personal nature, such as laundry, drinks, etc

### IMPORTANT

Please note that the above is only a suggested journey, allowing in-depth visits to the highlights of the country and the chance to explore the wide range of possibilities this fascinating country has to offer. We have a separate list of escorted tours and specialise in tailoring individual itineraries to your particular interests and requirements. This journey idea serves more as a general guide on what there is to see and do, as well as a guide on price.

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